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Expansion of Rail Network
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand rail network in Bihar;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there is any scheme/proposal of the Government to construct new railway line upto Chakia of Eastern Champaran district via Chhapra, Jalalpur, Baniyapur, Bhagwaanpur, Malmalia, Mohamadpur and Dumriaghat; and
(d) if so, the steps taken so far/proposed to be taken by the Government to construct above railway line?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. For expanding railway network in the State of Bihar, Railways have taken up 44 major projects comprising 34 New Lines, four Doublings and six Gauge Conversions falling fully/partly in Bihar at an anticipated cost of `42978 crore. An expenditure of `11531 crore has been incurred till March 2015 with an outlay of `2109 crore in 2015-16. In addition to this, nine doubling projects and one new line project falling fully/partly in Bihar have been included in Railway Budget 2015-16 & 2016-17 at an estimated cost of `10943 crore subject to requisite approval of Government. Railways have a huge throwforward and limited resource availability for completion of new line projects. Hence a focussed approach has been adopted for completing these projects by prioritising. With the progressive commissioning of these projects, rail network in Bihar is bound to expand substantially.
(c) & (d): At present no such survey has been taken up by Railways. However, two Reconnaissance Engg-cum-Traffic Surveys (RETS) for laying New Lines originating from Chakia namely (i) Chakia-Bairgania (50 Km) via Madhubani, Phenhara and (ii) Chakia − Kesariya (Kaithwalia) (25 Km) have been taken up.
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